raphers etc., are expected to be accredited to the festival.

(d) Invitations have been extended to ail countries with whom India is having diplomatic relations. It is expected that most of the film producing countries will participate in the festival.

(e) The Government of Karnataka will meet expenditure on providing certain infrastructural facilities for organising the festival.

[*Translation*]

Persons Arrested under National Security Act

449. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons arrested under national Security Act and various other Acts during the period from July 1991 to 31 October, 1991; and

(b) the number of former and present Members of Parliament and Legislatures among the persons arrested under the aforesaid Acts, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINITRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI. M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[*English*]

Telecast of Sharja Cup of Australia through Satellite

450. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange involved in telecasting the Sharja Cup of Australia through satellite;

(b) the percentage of viewers of this game in the country;

(c) the revenue collected through sponsorships of the matches; and

(d) the revenue collected through various advertisements during the telecast of the matches?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No foreign exchange was spent by Doordarshan on the coverage of the Sharjah Cup cricket matches.

(b) According to Doordarshan, the viewership of the telecast of these matches varied between 16-40%.

(c) and (d). The net earnigs to Doordarshan from the coverage of this tournament amounted to Rs. 52.55 lakhs.

[*Translation*]

Opression of Weaker Section of Society

451. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have appointed any Committee to check oppression of weaker sections of society;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has made some recommendations to stop oppression of weaker sections; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when its recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.